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SUBJ: DAO STATION WAGON AND RADIOS SEIZED BY LAA

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1. SALAMEH HAS INFORMED US THAT HE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM ONE OF HIS DRIVERS WHO TRAVELED BEIRUT-DAMASCUS JULY 21 THAT DAO STATION WAGON, RADIOS, TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK AND DRIVERS HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY LAA UNITS IN VICINITY MARJAYOUN. ACCORDING TO SALAMEH, DRIVER SAW S/W AND TRUCK AND STOPPED TO INVESTIGATE. ARMED LAA MEN LED HIM TO "SMALL PRISON" WHERE HE WAS DRIVERS SALHANI AND HABRA. THEY HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN BEATEN, HE SAID.

2. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION HE WAS ALLOWED TO HAVE WITH THEM, THEY TOLD HIM POUCHES HAD BEEN OPENED AT CHECKPOINT AND RADIOS DISCOVERED. THEY HAD THEN BEEN TAKEN TO PRISON BUILDING AND INTERROGATED AND BEATEN. THEY PLEADED WITH HIM TO GET HELP QUICKLY AS CAPTORS WERE THREATENING TO LIQUIDATE THEM.

3. SALAMEH RECOMMENDS EMBASSY BEIRUT CONTACT ELIAS SEMAAN OF BEIRUT EXPRESS COMPANY WHO IS COMPANY'S CONTACT MAN WITH VARIOUS GROUPS THROUGH WHOSE TERRITORY COMPANY

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TRUCKS TRAVEL AND WHO WILL KNOW BEST WAY TO PROCEED.

4. SALAMEH, HIMSELF, HAS RENOUNCED ANY INTENTION OF TRYING TO GO TO MARJAYOUN AS HE BELIEVES HE HAS PROBABLY BEEN IMPLICATED IN AFFAIR BY DRIVERS.

5. BEIRUT REF JUST RECEIVED. DRIVERS AND STATION WAGON COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM MARJAYOUN TO SIDON BY LAA THIS AFTERNOON.  
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